	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/500,692 Examiner	WATANABE, JUN Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment/response filed 10/13/05, 11/30/05, 01/09/06.		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-15</u> .		
3. ☑ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☑ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:		
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No		
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International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date		
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date		
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		atent Application (PTO-152)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. ☐ Interview Summary (Paper No./Mail Date	
3. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 9/28/05		
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. 🔀 Examiner's Stateme	nt of Reasons for Allowance
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Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In view of the applicant's amendment/response and the supplemental response/amendment filed October 13, 2005, November 30, 2005 and January 09, 2006 the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Ebato (USP 5,525,671) has been withdrawn because the reference does not disclose nor suggests a combination of the specific agitating mixer with a static mixer or the mixing unit consisting essentially of static mixers but also a combination of a plurality of static mixers different in type in the reactor in the claimed process for producing a polyester-based polymer. The use of the reactor having specific mixers enables good blending of reaction components even with high viscosity; an efficient removal of the polymerization heat and stable operation with a small pressure loss; resulting in a high molecular weight polymer with high quality and high productivity without decomposition and coloring. Thus, all rejections and objections of record have been withdrawn and claims 1-15 are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Information Disclosure Statement filed September 28, 2005 has been considered and has been made of record.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia Hightower whose telephone number is (571) 272-1073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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